



MINUTES

CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION SUB COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
14050 FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016
6:30 PM

Members Present: David Merritt, Rodger Cramer, John Jakob, Michael Driskill and Michelle Holmes

Members Absent: Nic Rady, Linda Bertl

Staff Present: Mitzi Davis, Meredith Dowdy, Derrick Birdsall

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
David Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- II. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2016 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**
Roger Cramer moved to adopt the meeting minutes; Second by Michael Driskell. Motion passed unanimously. Sub-Committee members will need to appoint a new secretary at the next meeting.
- III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING THE JULY 4 MEETING TO JULY 11**
Committee approved scheduling the next meeting on July 11 instead of July 4. Motion made by Roger Cramer. Second by Michael Driskill.
- IV. DISCUSS HISTORICAL PARK**
The Sub-Committee members invited Derrick Birdsall, Historical Park Superintendent, to present his ideas for the Historical Park. Kirk, Clare, Bitsy and Gretchen were in attendance to support the park. Derrick discussed special events and talked about North Texas starting in Farmers Branch. He talked about the Gilbert Journals and the General Store. Derrick further elaborated on the need for improved lighting and parking as well as additional space to house collections, exhibits (no display space), classroom, kitchen, rentals and a cater's kitchen. Estimated cost \$6-\$7 million.
- V. DISCUSS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN PARKS**
No items to discuss.
- VI. DISCUSS JOHN F. BURKE NATURE PRESERVE**
Meeting scheduled with the consultant on June 28 to discuss ideas for the John F. Burke Nature Preserve. Additional parking is under \$200,000. (Remind David of total)
- VII. DISCUSS TRAIL MASTER PLAN**
No items to discuss. Need an appealing trail plan.
- VIII. DISCUSS POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
David Merritt read the citizen comments: Regarding the Farmers Market include a playground, ADA parking, gate, rotate food groups, bike racks, wine booth, Groove pedestrian friendly. Other comments free English classes, Farmers Market prices too high, no generators, sidewalks end abruptly, revitalization, grants for better stores, bike lanes, free high speed internet, road sign stating bike use full lane, develop 4 corners, more restaurants, hike and bike trail great, float, Josey and Rawhide connect trail at Bay meadow to the Grove, downtown good potential, more shade at Kerr Park and a play structure, shed @ DART, four requests for a Dog Park, visit Grand Prairie Farmers Market, Education Center at the Historical Park, tour of homes, allow chickens, splash pad park, nature center, flat fee for aquatics and recreation center, more classes for birding, real grocery store, more code enforcement, knit at Farmers Market and Library, Trader Joe's and Central Market, bakery, develop square, replace Fire Station 2, police more, more restaurants, new Service Center and enlarge Senior Center.

IX. DISCUSS BENCHMARK MATRIX

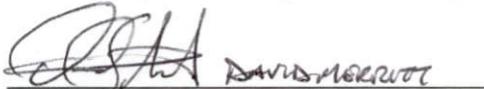
David Merritt will get with Mitzi Davis and Meredith Dowdy to plug in the information for the matrix and redistribute soon.

X. CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Discuss dog park, potential cost and possible locations.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Driskill. Second by Rodger Cramer. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Chair

Attest:


Secretary